

(including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 5, 1998.

Linda Englemeier,

Department Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

TITLE: Export Trading Companies Contact Facilitation Service.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506 (c) (2) (A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 10, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230. Phone number: (202) 482-3272.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to: Mary Michael, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, Service Industries and Finance, Room 1800, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; phone: (202) 482-5131, and fax: (202) 482-1790.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Contact Facilitation Service (CFS) is designed to put producers together

with exporters. Many U.S. firms have never exported because of a fear of the risks involved in exporting and a lack of knowledge of the international marketplace. New-to-export firms need the assistance of firms offering export trade services. One of the purposes of the Export Trading Company (ETC) Act of 1982 is to increase United States exports of goods and services by encouraging more efficient provision of export trade services to U.S. producers and suppliers. Section 104 of the Act directs Commerce to provide a service to facilitate contact between producers of exportable goods and services and firms offering export trade services.

The International Trade Administration (ITA) maintains a database for U.S. manufacturers, export trading and management companies, wholesalers/distributors, and international service firms. The CFS is designed to help promote exports and enable U.S. producers to locate ETCs and export services providers. Companies registered in the database are also listed in annual editions of The Export Yellow Pages which are distributed throughout the United States and worldwide. Without the information collected by the form, the CFS and The Export Yellow Pages would be unreliable and ineffective, because users of this kind of information need the current information about the listed companies.

II. Method of Collection

Form ITA-4094P is sent by request to U.S. firms.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0625-0120.

Form Number: ITA-4094P.

Type of Review: Revision-Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions and State, local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 9,500.

Estimated Time Per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 4,750.

Estimated Total Annual Costs: \$198,184 (\$112,684 government and \$85,500 respondents).

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and costs) of the

proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 5, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

TITLE: Application for an Export Trade Certificate of Review.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506 (c) (2) (A)).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Title III of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 (Pub. L. 97-290, 96 Stat. 1233-1247), requires the Department of Commerce to establish a program to evaluate applications for